

PENSACOLA WEATHER:
Cloudy with probably local
rains Sunday and Monday;
Colder Sunday in Pensacola
Yesterday's temperature:
Highest, 42 degrees, lowest,
27 degrees.



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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27, 1914.

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GERMANS SHIFT PRACTICALLY ALL ATTACKS SOUTH; BRITISH FLEET CITY OFFICERS BOMBARDS PORT HELD FOR FRAUD

Kaiser's Army Ceases At-
tempt to Make Gains
Along Bzura River

GERMANS TELL
OF RAID MADE BY
BRITISH VESSELS

Eight War Ships Made a
Dash Into a German Bay,
Hydroplanes Accompany-
ing the Fleet—This Is
Said to Be England's Re-
ply to the Recent Raid of
German Vessels On the
English Coast.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

London, Dec. 26.—The fighting con-
tinues with unabated intensity, neither
the Austro-German offensive against
the Russians, nor the allies attacks
in the west have made any appreciable
progress. The Germans announce they
have ceased their attacks along the
Bzura river, where the Russian masses
block the direct path to Warsaw and
they are now seeking their way to the
Polish capital along the Pilica river,
south of Warsaw.

Fog is interfering with the battles
in Flanders, but the Germans have
been delivering some fierce counter at-
tacks. The losses on both sides are
heavy.

The slowness of the allies attack is
explained in London as due to the gen-
eral staff's refusal to sacrifice great
number of soldiers. They are satisfied
with short, and steady gains.

BRITISH FLEET ATTACKS

The German admiralty announces that
on December 25, eight British ships
made a dash into an unnamed
German bay while hydroplanes ad-
vanced against the mouth of the Ger-
man river, dropping bombs on ships
and a gas tank near Cuxhaven. There
was no damage. German aeroplanes
succeeded in hitting with a bomb two
British destroyers and one other vessel
of the convoy, the latter catching fire.

It is believed in London that the
vessels mentioned are the Elbe and
Weiser, and this is England's reply
to the German raid on the English
coast. Cuxhaven is at the mouth of
the Elbe estuary, fifty-eight miles
northwest of Hamburg.

The British authorities have not
mentioned the operation.

Constantinople advices say the
Turks are fortifying the shores of the
Gulf of Saros, on the Sea of Marmora,
indicating they would expect an attack
by the allied fleets.

Reuter's dispatch from Warsaw says
that four hundred men were killed and
five hundred wounded in a collision of
hospital and troop trains at Kalisz,
Poland. The investigation showed the
switch had been changed. The station
master and the switchman were ar-
rested.

Nobody Wants to Lay Claim to Fat Purse of \$6,000

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Six thousand
dollars which nobody seems anxious
to keep, today started on a return
journey to Coffeyville, Kan., whence it
was recently mailed by Walter John-
son to Charles H. Weegman, presi-
dent of the Chicago Federals.

The \$6,000 was originally paid to
Johnson to bind his contract to play
with the Federal league and its trans-
mission to Weegman came after
Johnson had re-considered and had
again agreed to play with Washington.

The registered letter containing the
money was refused by Weegman and
probably will figure in the legal pro-
ceedings which, according to the Fed-
eral league chiefs will be brought to
prevent Johnson from voiding the con-
tract he signed with them.

COURTSHIP ENDS IN TRAGIC SEQUEL

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Objections of
Joseph and Michael Abbott to the
courtship of their sister, Anne, by
Charles Catron developed a tragic
sequel here when Catron opened fire
on the brothers at their home. Joseph
was killed outright; Michael fell fatal-
ly wounded and Patrick Doyle, a pass-
ing policeman, lost a little finger,
clipped by a stray bullet. Catron
escaped.

Jailed By United States for
Conspiracy to Corrupt
Election on Nov. 3

NINETY-THREE ARE
UNDER INDICTMENT

Among them, Are Mayor
Donn H. Roberts and
Sheriff Dennis Shea —
About the Only Important
City Official Not Under
Arrest is Chief of Police
Holler, and He is in Jail
for Contempt.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—Practically
the entire city administration of Ter-
re Haute is in the hands of the United
States authorities tonight as a result
of arrests last night and today on
indictments charging conspiracy to
corrupt the election of November 3.

Ninety-three persons, including
Mayor Donn H. Roberts and Sheriff
Dennis Shea were arrested. Roberts
and twenty-one others are being
brought here to jail tonight in default
of bail. The others furnished bonds.

About the only important official not
arrested is Police Chief Holler, who is
now serving a sentence for contempt
of court. He is also indicted.

Saws Out of Jail, Assaults Guard, Goes Back to Cel.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 26.—Sawing
two bars from his cell window, Al-
bert W. Johnson, 24 years old, awaiting
grand jury action on a charge of break-
ing and entering, escaped from his cell
in the county jail today and beat Cur-
tis W. Sasset, a prison guard insen-
sible.

Finding none of the guard's keys
would open the outside door, Johnson
returned to his cell, replaced the cut
bars with paper imitations and went
to sleep while jail officials searched
for Sasset's assailant. Not until eight
officers had gone over the cells four
times were the counterfeit bars dis-
covered.

JURY DUTY SAVES MANY FROM SUICIDE

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—More than twenty
men have been saved from suicide by
Coroner Peter M. Hoffman's plan of
placing on coroner's juries only those
who are in need. It was learned today
from a report of the scheme since it
was put in effect September 1. In
three months 7,320 men who were out
of employment sat on juries and col-
lected \$7,320 in fees. The line of ap-
plicants at the coroner's office some
days contains 300.

"The distress relieved is not alone
financial," commented the report, made
by the public safety commission. "More
than twenty men who were discour-
aged, desperate and admitted they
were on the verge of suicide before
they sat on a jury were saved by the
plan. The sight of remains of those
who had killed themselves and the grief
of relatives at the time banished from
the minds of these downhearted souls
all thoughts of self destruction. The
object lesson and the financial assist-
ance, small though it was, gave them
no whopie."

WAS VERY COLD BUT NOW MODERATING NEAR RALEIGH

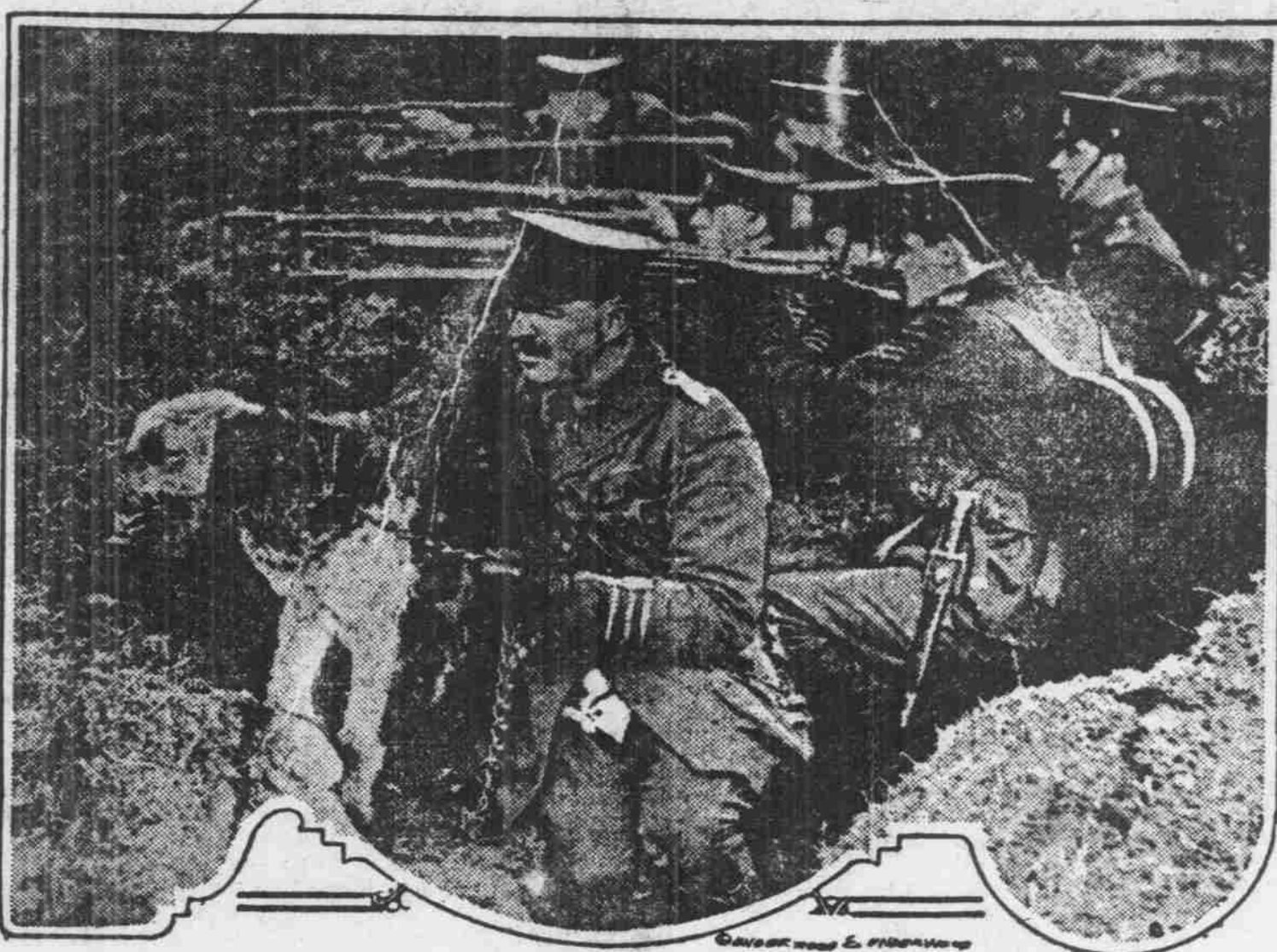
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—Raleigh to-
day was in the grip of the coldest
December weather since 1909. The
weather bureau thermometer at 7
o'clock this morning registered 18 de-
grees above zero and two hours later
was practically stationary. A thin
coating of ice on streets and side-
walks made travel difficult for man
and beast.

The sudden cold spell after more
than twenty-four hours of continuous
rain over the eastern and central por-
tions of North Carolina, it is believed,
has effectively checked floods that
were feared. Over two inches of rain
fell in this section yesterday causing
the rivers to rise rapidly.

SEVERE COLD COMES FROM MOUNTAIN POINTS

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Northern
New York shivered today with the
coldest weather of the winter. The
official thermometer registered 24 be-
low zero during the night in Water-
town. Temperatures from 30 to 40 be-
low have been reported from several
points in the Adirondacks.

Dogs Having Their Days as Sentries In the British Army



More and more are the fighting nations realizing the reliance they can place in the dog. Belgium has made extensive use of the dog in the various divisions of her army. Both France and Germany have found the dog a valuable assistant in the Red Cross divisions. Now Great Britain has come to the fore and is training dogs for sentry purposes. This wire-haired terrier shown in the trenches with the British fighters is one of Major Richardson's well known sentry dogs. Already numbers of them are doing good service with the army at the front. They are sent to do outpost duty, accompanying sentries on patrol.

GERMANY'S ACTION IN BELGIUM IS LIKELY TO BRING COMPLICATIONS

YOU CAN MAKE \$1.50 BEFORE NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

How can you make \$1.50 easier than by taking advantage of The Journal's great special rate subscription offer? The answer is—you can't.

The subscription price of The Journal for one year is \$6.50. By paying it in advance this month—which means by next Thursday night—you may receive the paper one year for \$5.00.

This offer is conditioned on your being paid up to the present month at the regular rate. Then any advance payment that you may make will be credited up at the special rate of \$5.00 per year.

There is no way in the world to make \$1.50 any easier. But you must do it by next Thursday night. Don't forget the date.

American Warships Threatened to Open Fire on a Turkish Port

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

London, Dec. 26.—A Reuter dispatch from Athens says it was the United States cruiser North Carolina which threatened to use her guns at Tripoli, Syria. She was conveying the American steamer Virginia and requested the Turkish authorities to allow the

British and French consuls to depart with their nationals. The request was refused.

The French residents boarded the Virginia and were attacked by a mob. North Carolina threatened to fire and the mob fled. The captain and his first officer were wounded. The two ships later departed.

Bank Closed, the Dewey, 17 Years Cashier Gone and Shortage Is Found Health and Spirits

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, Dec. 26.—The First National Bank of Islip, Long Island, was closed today by Federal authorities. H. Clayton Haff, cashier, disappeared last week and returned on Thursday. It was reported the bank had suffered a shortage of \$40,000 to \$50,000. When Haff disappeared depositors began to withdraw their money and that drain upon its resources was believed to be another reason for enforced sus-
pension. The bank is capitalized at \$25,000 and its deposits were recently reported at more than \$245,000.

THE CAPITAL AND SURPLUS WIPED OUT

Washington, Dec. 26.—The National bank examiner in charge of the First National Bank of Islip, Long Island, reports that the capital and surplus of the institution, \$43,000 in all, has been wiped out and that at the request of the directors he has taken charge.

TEMPERATURE RISING.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The mini-
mum temperature in Knoxville this
morning was 21 degrees. Since 7 a. m.
the mercury has been very gradually
rising and fair weather is on its way
according to the local weather bureau.
Higher temperature is forecasted.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Admiral Dewey was 77 years old today. Secretary Daniels, his aides and members of the navy general board called on him at his home and found him in good spirits and health.

"I feel very proud of the fact," said Secretary Daniels to the admiral, "that you were appointed to the naval academy by a secretary of the navy from North Carolina, Mr. Dobbin."

"I suppose," returned the admiral, "that's why I have been a democrat ever since." He added he was enjoying life but that Henry Gessaway Davis had told him he slept too much.

"What time do you go to bed, Mr. Secretary?" asked the admiral.

"Before I came to Washington, when I edited a morning newspaper I used to get to sleep about 3 a. m.," said Mr. Daniels. "I have reformed."

"I have been retiring every night at 10 o'clock," said Admiral Dewey, and I am up at 5 o'clock every morning, reading the newspapers before any-
body else in Washington. Mr. Davis, however, is 92 years old and says I'm a mere boy, thinks I'm missing half of life by going to bed so early."

The admiral took his customary drive during the morning, then received a number of officials and friends.

Thus Far United States Has
Received No Notification
That American Consuls
In Belgium Will Be Re-
quired to Obtain New Ex-
equaturs.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The United States late today had received no notification from Germany that American consuls originally accredited to Belgium will be required to obtain new exequaturs, or certificates of authority. Until such notice is received no course of action will be determined. Officials regard the points involved as of a delicate character.

The president has announced that Brand Whitlock will remain minister to Belgium, though he has left the country indefinitely. He is now in Brussels, but is accredited to the Belgian government, whose seat is at Ha-
vre, France.

Should Germany annex Belgium and establish civil authority, the situation will be further complicated, as an-
nexations during the war have not been generally recognized. Decisions of final peace conferences generally have been awaited by the neutrals.

Officials here do not desire to offend the Belgians, but if the German mili-
tary authorities require additional exequaturs the government probably will interpose no objections. Such certificates will be regarded in a class with military passes for the conven-
ience of neutral subjects.

Long Battle In Snow Storm by a Party of Three

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 26.—After a twenty-four hour fight in a blinding snow storm and nearly dead from ex-
posure, B. R. Cofer, N. T. Cofer and Thomas Brabant, local business men, were rescued today shortly before noon after their launch had been driven ashore and one member of the party, said to be Brabant, had swam ashore for aid. Two physicians were rushed from Smithfield in automobiles to Fish-
ing Point, opposite this city on the James river, where the landing was made. Details of the affair are lacking at this time.

The three men put off yesterday morning at 8 o'clock in a forty-foot launch for Smithfield, where the Cofers had been called by the death of their mother. They failed to reach their destination and dozens of launches went out this morning to search for them. Fishing point is an isolated point and it is not known whether the men will survive their hardships or not. The launch was not equipped with heating apparatus or supplied with food as the party had expected to make the trip in two hours.

COLDEST DECEMBER EVER KNOWN IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—With the temperature at nine degrees above zero at 7 o'clock, this was the coldest December 26 in Philadelphia since the weather bureau began keeping records forty years ago.

COLD WEATHER RECORD BROKEN ALL THROUGH U.S.

Florida Alone Was Practic-
ally the Only Region Es-
caping Extreme Cold.

REPORT MERCURY
AT 30 BELOW ZERO

December Temperatures As
Low or Lower Than Ever
Recorded Were Reported
From Albany, N. Y.
While Colder Weather
Prevails Elsewhere In the
Adirondack Mountains.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Winter had
seized the country east of the Mis-
sissippi river today, setting new cold
weather records for December in
many places and driving temperatures
below zero in New England, interior
New York, West Virginia, Michigan,
Illinois, Northern Missouri, Iowa, Wis-
consin, Minnesota and North Dakota.
The Florida peninsula was practically
the only region east of the great valley
which escaped the extreme cold.

Cold wave warnings flattered in the
northeast and central sections of Flor-
ida and government forecasters pre-
dicted lower temperatures tonight in
the South Atlantic, although probably
they will rise over Sunday in other
parts of the east.

December temperatures as low or
lower than ever recorded were re-
ported from Albany, N. Y., where it was
twelve degrees below; Norfield, Vt.,
32 minus; Hartford, Conn., minus 4;
Syracuse, N. Y., minus 12; Peoria, Ill.,
minus 18.

The blustering storm that drove up
from the south on Christmas had
passed off the South Atlantic coast,
leaving in its wake rains in the gulf
and South Atlantic states and snow
in Tennessee and the Virginias.

BELOW ZERO IN NORTH
OF STATE OF MISSOURI

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Extreme
cold last night sent the mercury be-
low zero over virtually all the northern
half of Missouri and the states north.
South of Kansas City, where it was
two below at dawn, the temperature
was higher. At Springfield, Mo., it
was eight degrees above. Oklahoma
City experienced an unusually low tem-
perature for that locality, the ther-
mometer reaching eight above zero. In
the territory the lowest tempera-
ture was comparatively higher. At
Tulsa, Okla., the lowest tempera-
ture recorded was 22.

FOG COMES TO RELIEF OF
FROST-BITTEN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Fog came to the
rescue of frost-bitten Chicago today,
but in the suburbs removed from the
lake the mercury remained in the
minus column. In the city the tem-
perature rose from four degrees be-
low zero to nine above. Twenty miles
away the cold measured sixteen de-
grees below.

NEW YORK SHIVERS
IN SEASON'S COLDEST

New York, Dec. 26.—New York
shivered today in the grip of the sea-
son's coldest weather. Temperatures
dropped to four degrees above zero and
the wind blasted thirty miles an
hour.

Ogdensburg reported thirty-two be-
low and Utica twenty-five below.

ZERO AND LOWER WERE
REPORTED IN NEW ENGLAND

Boston, Dec. 26.—Zero or lower tem-
peratures prevailed today all over New
England, with the exception of the ex-
treme southeastern section. Greenville,
Me., recorded sixteen below. Ther-
mometers recorded six below at Port-
land and two below at Boston.

TWENTY-FOUR TO
THIRTY BELOW ZERO

Corry, Pa., Dec. 26.—December
records for cold in Northern Pennsylv-
ania were broken here today when
thermometers registered twenty-four
to thirty degrees below zero.

Senator in Interview Quotes
Letter Sent Him by Presi-
dent C. E. Dobson.

A LARGER NUMBER
VESSELS NEEDED

Senator Fletcher, As Acting
Chairman of the Senate
Commerce Committee,
Will Report the Measure
In the Senate On Dec.
29th, and Ask for the Pas-
sage

Senator D. U. Fletcher of Florida,
acting chairman of the senate com-
merce committee, will report the bill
for the purchase of ships on Dec. 29th,
and will ask for its passage. The sen-
ator in an interview in the New York
Herald quotes from a letter sent him
by President C. E. Dobson of Pennsa-
cola, to show the necessity of more
ships and how the war has raised the
tonnage rates. The interview in the
Herald is as follows:

Senator Duran U. Fletcher, of Flori-
da, acting chairman of the Senate
Commerce Committee, had an impor-
tant conference today with William G.
McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, and
William C. Redfield, secretary of com-
merce, on the administration ship pur-
chase bill. Following it he declared that
the committee's report favoring the bill
would be presented to the senate when
it reconvened on December 29. It will
be taken up and passed while the sen-
ate is waiting for appropriation bills.

"I cannot understand the opposition
to this bill," declared Senator Fletcher.
"The present war in Europe has shown
the vital importance to the trade of
the United States and its national de-
fense of having merchant marine under
our own control and flying our own
flag. Otherwise merchant ships are
very apt to be withdrawn from us
when we need them most."

"In the last four months our people
have been charged advances in ocean
freight rates amounting to \$20,000,000,
or enough to buy sixty merchant ships
at \$500,000 each. We have been try-
ing for fifty years to build up a mer-
chant marine privately owned, but
without success. The evidence of the
failure of legislation passed up to this
time to accomplish this result is our
humiliating situation at present."

Senator Fletcher referred to a letter
on his desk from C. E. Dobson, presi-
dent of the Chamber of Commerce of
Pensacola, Fla., saying that shippers
of cotton and naval stores were being
charged three to four times the normal
freight rates and two per cent war risk
insurance. The freight in every in-
stance must be paid in advance. He
said shippers are paying \$3.25 per 100
pounds to Germany, or \$16.25 a bale
on cotton.

"The remedy for this situation is
more neutral ships," wrote Mr. Dob-
son. "There has been a decrease in the
number of available vessels since the
outbreak of the war, estimated at
thirty to forty per cent. Uncertainty
as to the maintenance of the present
supply of ships by the destruction of
merchant vessels or their withdrawal
for military reasons is another factor
that has sent up freight rates. More
ships would remedy the first situation
and more neutral ships the second."

Senator Fletcher in commenting
upon this letter said that cotton which
was bringing nineteen cents a pound in
Bremen was selling for seven cents
in the South. The difference was large-
ly represented by the freight rate of
\$15 a bale.

"The United States ought to be in
such a strong position in regard to con-
trol of the seas," continued Senator
Fletcher, "that a war between other
nations with which it is not concerned
will not entirely demoralize its ship-
ping trade. We should speedily place
ourselves in a position of independence
of foreign ships in carrying on our
overseas trade."

He referred to the difficulties New
York exporters are having in finding
ships to send abroad grains, potatoes,
apples and other fruits or which there
is an eager demand. They felt the
pinch as well as cotton, naval stores
and lumber interests of the South, he
insisted.

Free Bonita Tickets to The Journal's Lady Readers Tuesday

Do not forget that on Tuesday, Dec. 29 from 1 to
7 p. m., The Journal is going to present to each of its
lady readers a ticket of admission to the Bonita
Theater where the "Exploits of Elaine" will be
shown.

For particulars read The Journal on that morning.